



RS200 Class Association

AGM Minutes

Meeting held on Saturday 1st^h October 2015, Northampton SC

1. Welcome

Sally Campbell (SC), Class Association Secretary welcomed sailors to the meeting

2. Apologies

John McKelvie

3. Review of the year

Sally Campbell thanked outgoing Chairman Paul Lewis and committee members Lucy Preston, Matt Mee, Tim Ellis and Mark Smith for all they had done for the class.

SC summarised the year - 40 events across a National and 5 regional circuits, with 80 boats attending the National circuit so far this year.

Regional circuits noted to be very successful and to some extent therefore reducing the attendance at National events.

The Nationals were described as 'epic' with a fantastic turnout of 97 boats.

The Euro event at Travemunde was very good, but attendance was below expectations, some present felt that this was possibly due to the Nationals and European event being too close together.

19 new style boats on the water this year, with 8 more on order. It was encouraging to see Matt Mee in the new style boat vs James Peters in the old style at the front of the fleet at the Nationals, with no obvious differences in boat speed and set up.

An additional 65 mainsails were sold in 2016, a good barometer of class success.

4. Next Year

In 2017 the Association plans to develop the youth element. There will be 3 Winter youth training series in the N, S and W, part funded by RS Sailing and the Class association. It was noted that some youths had missed the Youth Championships because of Uni commitments. Discussion took place

about the best time of year/venue/format for future youth champs and it was agreed that the Youth Reps would conduct a survey to determine this for 2017.

To build on the success of the Regional tours, and provide better geographical representation across the country, the 2017 National Circuit will be made up of 1 event from each regional tour, plus the multifleet events.

The majority of those present felt that the Inlands should be held at a Midland venue in October, SC will endeavour to arrange this.

A Masters or reunion event for long-term RS sailors is planned for 2017, details tbc.

5. AOB

Rig Settings - website rig settings are out of date and there are no settings for lightweight pairs. It was agreed that this would be rectified.

Online vs. at event entry - those present debated the pros and cons of advance entry and late entry fees. Clubs prefer to be able to plan ahead, but sailors want to wait and check weather, crew availability etc and should not be financially penalised for this. It was generally agreed that online entry is necessary for major and multifleet events, where the clubs have to plan and people know in advance that they will attend, but that circuit events should be entry at event.

6. Election of Committee

A vote of thanks was given to the current committee.

All committee members have agreed to stand again for 2015, with the exception of those thanked above.

The following new members of the committee were voted in:

Rob Henderson - Gold Fleet and Technical Rep

Natalie Messingham - Comms Rep

Will Taylor - Social Media Rep

Jane Hivey -Results Rep

Present at the meeting:

Harry & Prue Roome, Ian Martin, Chris Catt, Emma Hivey, Tom Hewitson, George Stainforth, Eddie Grayson, James Penty, Tom Penty, Helen Penty, Martin Penty, Erica Caswell, Marc Vincent, Mike Taylor, David Green, Sarah Green, Chloe Martin, Rob Henderson, Jo Tribe, Caitlin Morley, Chay Taylor, Ellen Morley, Will Taylor, Abi Campbell, Jo Hewitson, Pete Vincent, Karen Larr, Henry Rastrick, John Squires, Jamie Rastrick, Niamh Davies, Faye Caswell, Cathy Rastrick, Jonathan Lewis, Mike Odell, Sam Waller, Tim Waller, Alison Waller, Alistair Scott, Stephen Scott, Elise Scott